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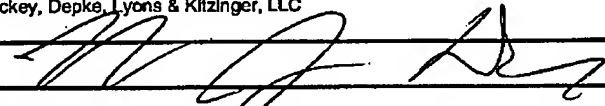
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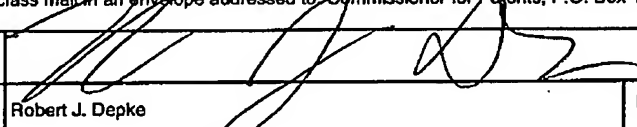
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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 8, 2007, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group 2, claims 33-92, drawn to a backlight device including a lightguide plate.

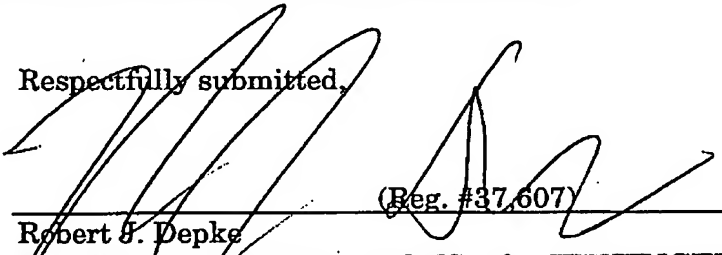
Applicants therefore withdraw from prosecution in the above-identified application, claims 1-32, drawn to an illumination device, but reserve herein the right to prosecute such claims in a later filed continuation or divisional applications.

Applicants therefore await consideration and examination of elected claims 33-92, and respectfully request consideration on the merits in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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